

Orem Elementary PTA

Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2012

Volunteer Hours:

February: 256 hrs 40 min

Attendance:

Karen Wynn	Rachelle Bolingbroke	Melissa Clayton	
Danielle Brown	Melissa Breiter	Karli VerHoef	
Toni Carlsen	Christy Luque	Julie Reid	
Bunney Schmidt	Angela Seegmiller	Eva Riser	
Cathy Ambrose	Amy Chariton		
Heather Stewart	Lori Sanders		
Rebecca Tayler	Kim Faragher		

Reverence: Cathy Ambrose

The Lanyard - A poem by Billy Collins

The point of this poem is that we can never repay our mothers (or our teachers) for all they have done for us as children with such things as trinkets made at camp. But a mother/teacher would say the gift is more precious than gold because it is a symbol that represents why they do what they do - make little miracles into people.

Approval of Minutes: Cathy Ambrose - Secretary

February 2012 minutes approved by:

Lori Sanders, 1st

Rachelle Bolingbroke, 2nd

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Tayler - Treasurer

We are OK, even after buying replacement canopies. It's a good year.

Bunney Schmidt asked about the "Actual" categories being blank. Karen Wynn said a complete budget is on an Excel spreadsheet not with her. Rebecca said she would follow up with the discrepancies. Bunney wanted to make sure that by next month all the inflow and outflow were matching up.

Principal's Report: Rachelle Bolingbroke

- It's good to see the amount of volunteers we have at our school.
- Parent Teacher Conferences have been moved up a week to Thurs, Mar. 29 to not be too close to spring break.
- OES will be hosting a community input meeting regarding the state's new core curriculum. It will have a power point about the new core, how ASD is using it, and sample materials.
- ASD waited a year to adopt the core and it was to their advantage, not having to go through the fine tuning and kinks the other districts in the state have gone through this first year. Also, teachers throughout the district have received training.
- 6th grade will start on the math next year, while K-5 will start the new language arts.
- Mar. 26 is a minimal day.
- OES has received a 4-H afterschool activities grant.

Nominating Committee: Amy Chariton

Voting on 2012-2013 PTA Board:

President - Amy Chariton

Pres-elect - Karli VerHoeff

Treasurer - Karen Wynn

Secretary - Cathy Ambrose

Legislative VP - Lorien Anderton

Motion to approve: Rachelle Bolingbroke 1st, Rebecca Tayler 2nd

President's Report: Karen Wynn

Strengthening Families is today at Lakeridge. Thanks to all who were so willing to help make the dinners.

Toni Carlson said that this is an excellent program for at risk kids from broken homes. They are noticed by their teachers and recommended for the program. They get counseling and help to clear their "NC" assignments.

Moms and Muffins/Book Swap: Kim Faragher

We have dads handling the muffins this time so all the moms can enjoy the reading.

Cathy Ambrose suggested we preview unknown books to help filter inappropriate books (like the situation at Dads and Donuts).

Melissa Clayton why we don't do book swap in the AM. We have no reason why, except we just launched it last year and were testing the waters. Maybe it is a time issue because the kids go right to class. It was suggested a donation box be available for the AM even if no swapping is going on.

MISC: Julie Reid asked if Family Movie Night was worth the money. Do kids actually stay and watch the movie with the family and don't they watch that movie at home. Bunney explained that we get movies that are barely a week old, that many families report at year end evaluations that it is one of their favorite events.

Angela Seegmiller asked why we do so many activities on Monday and could we do other nights. Lori Sanders suggested we try one skate night next year on a Monday and one on a Thursday and evaluate the individual turnouts.

Julie Reid suggested we do carnival on a Saturday because she knows of someone out of state who holds theirs on a Sat and brings in tons of money. Cathy Ambrose suggested we evaluate that areas demographics to see if it matches closely with ours to see if that move would be a beneficial one to OES.

Community Closet: Cathy Ambrose

We will hold it on March 29 during Parent/Teacher Conferences. People will be able to bring in donations the week of and deliver them to the back end of "Constitution Hallway".

After lunch on Thurs. Cathy and Honor Society will sort the clothes in the cafeteria.

Bunney suggested pre-sorting at home to speed up sorting at the school. It was also suggested that people could sort in the hallway if signs and a table were set up.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Toni Carlson (April 23-27)

- Monday - have doors decorated. Sign-up sheets for staff's doors. Preferred to school on Friday to do this. Please ask the teacher how they like their door - wrapped, poster or the wall outside of the door decorated, etc. Rachelle said the parents are welcomed to use the butcher paper, construction paper and the Cricut.
- Tuesday - Breakfast. See sign-up to help.
- Wednesday - Flower sales (Christy Luque)
- Thursday - Lunch (Adria Howse)
- Friday - assembly. After school programs drama club will perform "The Wizard of Oz". See sign up to watch a class while the teacher gets a massage (Cidne Richards has a massage connection) and chocolates in the faculty lounge.
- Budget Leftovers: Toni asked if the teachers like getting classroom supplies or a drawing for nice prizes. It was decided for tax reasons and appearances, school supplies were a better way to use the money. Heather Stewart suggested we get the teachers Scholastic gift cards to help build their libraries.
- Bunney suggested we go to Kneaders and see if they would help do the breakfast. Lori Sanders also said Chic-Fil-A likes to help schools and now does breakfasts. Karli said Ridleys will often donate donuts and cookies. Karli will contact Kneaders and ask about breakfast.
- Toni Shared Adria Howse's idea of having the children write something nice about the teacher and binding it to present as a memento. Even a card made/signed by students would be nice.